

THE PRELATE'S OBSEQUIES.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF AMERICA IN MOURNING.

The Great Gathering of Ecclesiastical Dignitaries Around the Body of Father William Starrs—The Burial in the Cathedral.

The most imposing ecclesiastical ceremony witnessed since the reception of the Archbishop of the Eccumenical Council, was the funeral of the Rev. Dr. Starr, the late Vice-General of this Archdiocese, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Mott street. Over two hundred priests were present in full canonicals, and while the Archbishop officiated, the Sisters of Charity, the Sisters of Mercy, and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd added to the imposing solemnity of the scene. The admirable management of the committee of arrangements and the efficiency of the police under the command of Captain Daniel Sullivan, and Kennedy, alone prevented the immense crowds, which literally packed Mott, Prince, and Mulberry streets, from crushing into the church at the peril of life and limb. As it was both side aisles were jammed almost to the roof, and the people were so pressed and allied almost to the catafalque, on which the body of the dead Vice-General reposed. Every word was filled by those who had been so fortunate

The whole interior of the cathedral, the chancel, altars, pillars, and windows, was elaborately draped with crape. The catafalque of black velvet, with canopy of black flecked with stars and tongues of flame in silver, had been erected near the altar rail in the middle aisle. The body, of black velvet, of the casket, draped with black velvet and ornamented with silver, was elevated at an angle, the head toward the altar and feet to the door, so that the marble features of the embained Prelate, the attenuated figure clasped on the bosom, and the crown of thorns, were visible to all the congregation. Three tall waxen candles on each side and two above the casket, illumined the scene. The pews were draped with the deep velvet, and the altar, with its black velvet and tassels resting on the floor, was covered with floral ornaments, crosses, crowns, and harps, in white camellias and tea-roses. At

FATHER,

A few minutes before 10 the pall-bearers entered, and the church in their black and white scarfs and hats, and carrying flowers, stood in two rows opposite the altar. They were Messrs. John Donohue, Dennis Sullivan, Michael O'Keefe, Patrick O'Hagan and Drs. O'Rourke and Jas. H. McLaughlin. The next two rows were occupied by the Sisters of Charity and Mercy. The next two rows by the representatives of the press, and those following by the members of the various societies. Asylum, Messrs. J. B. Nicholson, Henry Shields, John Francis, James Kane, Jos. J. Donohue, John Ravanagh, William Lator, Dennis O'Donoghue, Frederick Gibson, Thomas M. O'Sullivan, and James O'Neill. In the congregation were seated the Hon. Joseph Dowling, Mr. J. W. Bennett, the Mayor of the Society, Rev. Jesuit Father Roman Catholic Children : John Mulvey, Charles F. De La Monte, Mr. R. Coddington, Mr. E. Keenan, H. O'Connor, Capt. Plummer, Mr. O'Connell, and other citizens of the city and their families.

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and altar boys. The vestments of the Archdeacon and acolytes were of gold and red, and every drapery within the altar rails was of black trimmed with gold. The choir boys wore white and carried a small white particle of coral seen in the brown canopy. The choir was composed of boys and men, the purple robes of the visiting Prelate and the BISHOP OF BATH AND GLOUCESTER.

BOLEMAN POSTERIAL REQUIEM MASS

which followed was celebrated by the Archdeacon, and the acolytes, who sang in an array being Masters of Ceremonies. The music was very fine, being Mozart's Requiem in D minor, the organ playing the Kyrie and the Magnificat, assisted by a chorus of sixteen voices.

At the consecration and during the Sanctus, two hundred lighted candles were blazing in the choir, and the choir boys were dressed in those borne by the acolytes. The Sanctus was followed in full chorus, and the effect was wonderful. The choir boys were dressed in white, and as every light was extinguished, but remained in the choir, the effect was very beautiful. The mass was concluded, His Grace then preached a sermon at the conclusion of the service was very good, and was well received by the assembly. I heard a voice from heaven saying, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, and the servants of God, who labor, and their works do follow them.

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was formed in the procession the clerical process-
ion and his assistants first taking their places
in front of the altar and the whole company
priests chanting the Sequence for the dead.
The candles were again lighted, the holy water
sprinkled and the choir sang the Requiem.
of incense rose on high as the Arch-
bishop and his assistants made the usual circuit
around the catafalque, the priest taking the
flame on their shoulders, the pall bearers taking
the pall and the choir singing the Requiem.
men two hundred priests, rising and falling in
unison, sang the Requiem through the vaulted aisles
of the Cathedral, their voices rising and falling
rough the ranks of the mourning people he
heard the priest pray for the repose of the
soul of the deceased, and the choir sang the
Requiem years to his last resting place in the vault
graves for his remains beneath the Cathedral.
The choir then sang the Requiem and the
return of the clerical procession through the
aisles of the Cathedral and the Requiem had been per-
formed and then slowly, silently and reverently
departed.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The Court of Appeals has ordered the State
of Oregon to refer to the United States Supreme
Court Cherry Valley \$24,000, illegally assessed upon Gov-
ernment lands.

By a rescript of the Supreme Court of Mass.

ette, Dittus & Burkhardt of Boston, manufacturers of dualite, and the Oriental Powder Company, manufacturers of electric exploders, are found jointly liable for damages caused by the terrible explosion in Worcester 1870, which killed one man and shattered several